

participation through some form of mild general guaranty to the French.
They both denounced England's position roundly.



5. Lunch -- Flemming
6. Livingston Hartley -- on Atlantic Union.
7. Prexy meeting on Wheaties. Present -- the Dulles brothers, Wilson, Kyes, Radford, Strauss. Two agonizingly awful hours. Kyes read a 6-page memo as a substitute for the speech which was in effect his plan to budget defense on a three-year instead of a one-year basis. This was going to restore confidence at home and abroad and solve all problems

Wilson proposed doing nothing, since the Soviets were now ~~educating~~ beginning to educate their youth, and an educated youth would overthrow the Soviets.

Foster Dulles at his most judicial, and therefore straddling fence. Strauss considered himself merely atomic expert. Radford absolutely silent.

I carried fight as much as possible, but couldn't avoid certain words which Kyes, for instance, could take exception to, such as telling the President that the Kyes proposal was fascinating but had nothing to do with the matter at hand. Kyes overstepped himself by making a reference to somebody handing the President an umbrella if he offered in a speech to turn any fissionable material over to a United Nations pool.

Finally passed note to Allen Dulles saying I couldn't fight this alone, at which he got into the act with startling vehemence. Meeting broke up on note that President would re-read Wheaties that night.

Episode unhappy per se, but also in context of morning session, Joe Dodge's report on no firm hand on Defense budget, all the other undecided things swirling around Presidential head, make it look as though he actually did not understand what was going on and didn't care to do anything about it.

P.S. -- only moment of comic relief was when ZLewis Strauss' alarm wrist watch went off right in the middle of a Presidential statement .